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10 **Title:** Authenticating executable code and executions thereof

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Amendment after final rejection under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Summary of the prosecution

The above patent application was finally rejected in an Office action mailed 2/16/2006; Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal along with a three-month extension of time on 8/14/2006. While preparing their appeal brief, Applicants noted that claim 10, which is currently dependent from claim 9, should be dependent from claim 8. Applicants' attorney consulted Examiner Seth, who indicated that he would accept an amendment after final rejection which made claim 10 dependent from claim 8. The amendment follows.

Please amend claim 10 as follows: